GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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POLICE PATROLLING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the policy/criteria/guidelines issued with regard to police patrolling in the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) whether the Government has conducted an enquiry with regard to laxity in police patrolling and security;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to provide security to the citizens of Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (d): Detailed guidelines are in existence in Delhi Police with regard to police patrolling. In this connection, Delhi Police has issued Standing Orders/circular regarding Duties of Beat Officer, Beat Patrolling System, Delhi Police Control Room and duties of Night Checking Gazetted Officers (GOs). Periodical review meetings are held by senior officers, to ensure the compliance of these guidelines at the police station level. No enquiry regarding laxity in police patrolling and security has been conducted by the Government. However, Delhi Police has an inbuilt system of supervision and checking of patrolling staff by senior supervisory ranks, and necessary departmental action is taken against the erring police official. Action has been taken against 60 erring police official for laxity in police patrolling and security in the current year i.e. up to 15-11-2009.

Delhi Police has an in-built mechanism for undertaking periodic analysis of crime trends under various heads of crime in Delhi, and on the basis of such analysis, suitable remedial steps for prevention and detection of crime are initiated. The steps taken by Delhi Police to curb the crime in Delhi include introduction of `eye and ears` scheme to improve collection of intelligence at the grass-root level, identification of vulnerable areas on the basis of regular analysis of crime trends, emphasis on community policing for better relationship with the public, setting up of Area Security Committee in North Campus of Delhi University; identification of Police Stations with high rate of crime and provision of additional manpower and motor cycle patrols to such Police Stations; regular surveillance on the activities of desperate criminals; organisation of special patrolling during dark nights in order to check any strike of criminals; setting up of `Senior Citizens Security Cell` at the Police Headquarters; introduction of special helpline 1291 to attend the distress calls pertaining to the safety and security of senior citizens; initiation of vanous Community Policing programmes for taking care of Senior Citizens; sensitization of the policemen towards the problems of senior citizens; periodic organisation of security melas to create awareness among senior citizens regarding various aspects of safety, security and use of modern gadgets; creating awareness among senior citizens through print media and distribution of pamphlets regarding Do`s and Don`ts for their safety; introduction of `Parivartan Scheme` for involving and educating parents, teachers, students etc. to facilitate handling of women`s grievances; deployment of women police officials for beat duties; imparting special training to those women police officials to control crimes against women; conduct of gender sensitization and legal awareness programme for police personnel; establishment of Police Stations for cases pertaining to Crime against Women; installation of dedicated `Women Helpline` to attend to complaints by women; constitution of `Women Mobile Team` to attend to distress calls from women on round-the-clock basis; deployment of one lady constable in every PCR Van patrolling to cover prominent colleges etc.